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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: U.S. NOMINEE FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL
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1. (U) Pol/Econ chief delivered reftel demarche October 12 concerning Judge Theodor Meron's nomination for reelection as permanent judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) to MFA Director for International Organizations Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho responded that Bahrain would support Meron's reelection. He stated that there was a "gentleman's agreement" to renew the mandates of all the judges sitting on the ICTY. Even in the absence of the agreement, Bahrain would vote in favor of Judge Meron's reelection.

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